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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

Responsive to the Office action mailed 04/18/2005 indicating that the previous response was non-responsive, applicants submit amended claims beginning at page 2.

Claim 1 was previously amended to recite a second co-extruded polymeric layer consisting of ionomer and ionomer-polyamide blend *or* consisting of ionomer and an additive, and ionomer-polyamide blend and an additive. Applicants did not intend to recite only ionomer-polyamide blend. Ionomer, as originally elected, was recited.

To be more specific, applicants amend the claims reciting a second co-extruded layer that (1) is selected from the group consisting of ionomer and ionomer-polyamide blend *or* (2) is selected from the group consisting of the combination of ionomer and an additive and the combination of ionomer-polyamide blend and an additive. That is, ionomer is always a member of the Markush group.

Applicants submit that the recitation in claim 1 was what applicants intended.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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